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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

1. ☒ Specification Total Pages 28
2. ☒ Drawing(s) (35USC 113) Total Pages 13
3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 2
a. ☒ Unexecuted(original or copy)
b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14)
[Note Box 4 Below]
i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting
inventor(s) named in the prior
application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which
copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b,
is considered as being part of the disclosure of the
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by
reference therein.

5. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
6. ☒ Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. ☐ English Translation Document to follow (if applicable)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
9. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
11. ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior Application,
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
12. ☒ Certified copy of Japanese priority document No.
P2000-241581 filed August 9, 2000.

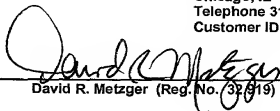
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Drawings (13 sheets - Figs. 1-14)

Unexecuted Declaration

Letter Under Rule 41

Preliminary Amendment

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Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c), I am filing the attached application,
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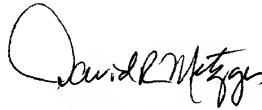
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